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WALLET POWER

Join The Impact, the online community that launched protests last month over the passage of gay marriage bans in California, Florida and Arizona, has urged people to withdraw \$80 from their bank accounts Wednesday to demonstrate gays' spending power. Witeck-Combs Communications, a public relations firm in Washington that specializes in the gay and lesbian market, published a study this year that estimated that gay and lesbian consumers spend \$700 billion annually.

Supporters of same-sex marriage across the country are being encouraged to "call in gay" on Wednesday to protest the passage of Proposition 8.

AP FILE

GAY DAY

ACTIVISTS HOPE TO CALL ATTENTION TO PLIGHT BY 'CALLING IN GAY'

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Some same-sex marriage supporters are urging people to "call in gay" Wednesday to show how much the country relies on gays and lesbians, but others question whether it's wise to encourage skipping work given the nation's economic distress.

Organizers of "Day Without a Gay"—scheduled to coincide with International Human Rights Day and modeled after similar work stoppages by Latino immigrants—also are encouraging people to perform volunteer work and refrain from spending money.

Sean Hetherington, a West Hollywood comedian and personal trainer, dreamed up the idea with his boyfriend, Aaron Hartzler, after reading online that a few angry gay-rights activists were calling for a daylong strike to protest California voters' passage last month of Proposition 8, which reversed this year's state Supreme Court decision allowing gay marriage.

Local group calls for rally

Whether or not people show up for work Wednesday, the loosely organized protest called "Day Without a Gay" might have an impact locally.

In Chicago, the Gay Liberation Network has called for an 11 a.m. rally outside the County Building, 118 N. Clark St., to call for granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Network co-founder Andy Thayer said he didn't expect people to actually "call in gay," as the event logo suggests, but added that "many people will find one way or the other to not be in work that day, because we're sick of being treated like second-class citizens."

The logo has stirred a tempest of online debate about the wisdom of skipping work during a recession. Sean Hetherington, the West Hollywood, Calif., comic and personal trainer who helped devise the event, said the slogan wasn't meant to be taken literally. But noting the flood of media attention it has attracted, he was unapologetic.

"I'm happy with the way we did it," he said. "We're keeping gay people in the spotlight."

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The couple thought it would be more effective and less divisive if people were asked to perform community service instead of staying home with their wallets shut.

"We are all for a boycott if that is what brings about a sense of community for peo-

ple," said Hetherington, 30, who plans to spend Wednesday volunteering at an inner-city school.

Hetherington said he's been getting 100 e-mails an hour from people looking for volunteer opportunities, and that his "Day

Without a Gay" Web site has gotten 100,000 hits since mid-November.

Despite Hartzler and Hetherington's attempt to fashion a positive approach, some organizers of the street demonstrations that drew massive crowds in many cities last month have been reluctant to embrace the concept, saying that it could be at best impractical and at worst counterproductive to "call in gay."

"It's extra-challenging for people to think about taking off work as a form of protest, given that we are talking about people who may not be out (openly gay) at work, and given the current economic situation and job market," said Jules Graves, 38, coordinator of the Colorado Queer Straight Alliance. "There is really not any assurance employers would appreciate it for what it is."

Graves' group nonetheless is arranging for interested participants to volunteer at the local African Community Center in Denver.

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That's "Going Public's" take on a Stove Top Stuffing heated-shelter ad campaign under way at 10 city-owned CTA bus stops. The ads—a row of heat lamps in bus shelters above a yummy-looking photo of a bowl of stuffing—will remain in the shelters until Dec. 31, according to a spokeswoman for the Stove Top campaign.

Until that date, riders will be treated to the clever campaign slogan: "Cold, provided by winter. Warmth, provided by us."

If only the latter were true, I decided on Friday while shivering inside one such shelter at Hubbard Street and Michigan Avenue. I wasn't the only one doubting the caption.

"I don't feel anything," said Ayanna Grady, a Lakeview rider and fellow shelter-waiter, as she gestured at the colorful, autumnal stuffing ad. "I guess because it's orange and you see the lamps, psychologically, it makes you think you feel warmer."

Maybe it's the thought that counts when it comes to this campaign.

But the Stove Top stops, part of an advertising deal between Kraft Foods and JCDecaux, prompted me to ponder past and present campaigns along the CTA. I checked in with transit agency officials to gauge the status of some that stood out.

Digital divide

CONCEPT: This fall, the CTA launched a pilot project to add digital displays to the sides of buses. The screens—way more engaging than the current static ad displays—would seemingly attract more advertising dollars. Just as importantly, they will be useful to riders.

"Upon completion of installation, the digital displays at rail stations and on buses will be fully integrated with CTA's Control Center and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications," CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall told me. "During an emergency, CTA will be able to override advertisements and post emergency information or real-time service updates."

Talk about truth in advertising.

STATUS: Currently, the dazzling digital screens are being tested on No. 124-Navy Pier buses to make sure they are durable, and therefore doable. The digital advertising pilot has been deemed a success, Thrall said, adding that the agency will install 50 more on buses and add a display to an "L" platform before the end of this year.

Tunnel vision

CONCEPT: Beginning in 2005, the CTA

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launched flip book-style ads projected on tunnel walls between the Clark and Lake and Washington stops along the Blue Line, as part of a deal with advertiser Submedia. The ads featured a series of stills that, when the train rolls past, create the appearance of movement.

In 2005, 2006 and 2007, the agency ran four sets of flip-book ads per year, Thrall said, promoting products including Land Rover, Target and the Travel Channel.

STATUS: A new Submedia campaign will kick off next week, according to Thrall, who declined to name the specific advertiser. I typically keep my eyes inward when underground to avoid a depressing view of the tunnels. But I'll definitely keep my eyes peeled for this newest product push.



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Gov. Blagojevich speaks out against Bank of America; company responds

Chicago Tribune

Bank of America officials said Republic Windows & Doors should “honor its obligations to its employees and minimize the impact of failure.”

The North Carolina-based bank issued a statement Monday, four days into a worker sit-in at the Chicago plant.

Bank of America canceled the company's financing and workers were given three days' notice. Hundreds are demanding vacation pay and severance.

Gov. Blagojevich said the state of Illinois “will suspend doing any business with Bank of America” until the company restores credit to Republic. Blagojevich made the announcement after meeting with former workers. The governor said the state has “hundreds of millions of dollars” in dealings with the bank.

“We’re going to do everything possible here in Illinois to side with these workers,” the governor said. He added the state would go into federal court Tuesday to try to get workers the money they say they are owed.

Earlier, protesters picketed a Bank of America branch on the West Side saying they support union workers staging a sit-in at their former factory.

Bank officials say they’ve worked with the company for months and it’s unfortunate Republic hasn’t been able to “reverse its declining circumstances.”

The bank says it will continue to honor



Workers stage a sit-in Monday at the now-shuttered Republic Windows & Doors plant on Goose Island in Chicago. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

agreements with the company and give the “maximum amount of funding” it can under the terms of the agreement.

But as lenders, bank officials say they’re not “empowered to direct the company” on how to manage affairs.

On Monday, protesters and activists held a rally outside the bank branch. They handed out fliers, carried signs and banged drums. Several tried to enter the bank to deliver their message but were turned away.

Also, Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) showed

up at the factory around 11:15 a.m. and spoke with the workers inside. Afterward, he said he was upset about the situation at Republic and that he would return to Washington soon to hold discussions about whether banks were using the bailout money appropriately.

Union organizers said about 75 workers currently were inside the factory.

The workers have attracted media attention and become a national symbol for thousands of employees laid off nationwide as the economy continues to sour.

Blagojevich: ‘Nothing but sunshine hanging over me’

Gov. Blagojevich responded Monday to the Tribune’s report that he has been recorded by federal investigators, saying people should “feel free” to tape him because everything he says is lawful.

“I don’t believe there’s any cloud that hangs over me, I think there’s nothing but sunshine hanging over me,” Blagojevich said.

The governor’s comments to reporters were the first since the Tribune reported Friday that John Wyma, one of his closest confidants, had cooperated in the federal corruption probe of him and his administration, and that Blagojevich has been taped as part of the investigation.

“I should say if anybody wants to tape my conversations, go right ahead, feel free to do it. I appreciate anybody who wants to tape me openly and notoriously, and those who feel like they want to sneakily and wear taping devices, I would remind them that it kind of smells like Nixon and Watergate,” Blagojevich said.

“But I don’t care whether you tape me privately or publicly, I can tell you that whatever I say is always lawful and the things I’m interested in are always lawful and if there are any things out there like that, what you’ll hear is a governor who tirelessly and endlessly figures out ways to help average, ordinary working people,” Blagojevich said.

Christie Hefner leaving Playboy Enterprises

Chicago Tribune

Christie Hefner on Monday announced plans to end her 20-year tenure as chief executive of Chicago’s Playboy Enterprises, and will pursue other work in public-service and non-profit ventures.

The 56-year-old Hefner has guided Playboy through rocky patches since taking over at one of the publishing and entertainment



Hefner

company’s lowest points in the 1980s.

Since then, Playboy’s image has rebounded and her father, founder Hugh Hefner, has reached an unlikely new audience of young women through the cable TV show “Girls Next Door,” which features his three youthful girlfriends.

Yet Playboy has suffered in the economic downturn, as advertising and circulation at its flagship magazine plunged and its adult TV and movie programs lost ground to free content on the Web.

Its best-performing unit has been its licensing division, which has put the Playboy logo

on apparel, jewelry and entertainment venues such as the Palms Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Playboy stock has cratered this year, but Hefner said no one among the company’s directors or investors urged her to resign. She intends to remain CEO until Jan. 31 and stay on the company’s board until her replacement joins the company, when she will depart.

Playboy director Jerome Kern will serve as interim non-executive chairman while the company searches for Hefner’s replacement.

In an interview Monday with the Tribune, Hefner said she will not seek another chief

executive post but instead plans to serve on additional corporate boards and appear more frequently as a speaker and TV commentator.

She and her husband, former Illinois state Sen. William Marovitz, will remain in Chicago, Hefner said.

She believes the company will keep its headquarters in Chicago as well, she said.

Her replacement will be a professional executive from outside the family, she predicted. Hef’s teenage sons, Marston and Cooper, are not ready to replace her, she said. “That’s a decade away.”

Driver charged after deadly collision

Authorities charged a 29-year-old man with reckless homicide and aggravated driving under the influence Monday after a crash Sunday morning in Avondale that left one man seriously injured and another dead. The incident occurred about 4:50 a.m. at Belmont and Hamlin Avenues, Chicago Police Officer JoAnn Taylor said. Cesar Huerta was headed south on Hamlin and failed to stop at a stop sign as he drove a Chevrolet Astro van through the intersection, Taylor said.

Cop fired for selling pirated CDs

A police officer was fired recently for selling pirated CDs at a flea market and a West Side store, according to a Chicago Police Board decision made public Monday. Neftalie Gonzalez, 44, was arrested in 2004 after police conducted a four-month undercover investigation following a tip from the Recording Industry Association of America. Criminal charges against Gonzalez were dropped in January, but the Police Department sought to fire him anyway.

22-year-old man found shot in Cabrini-Green

A man was shot in the head and critically wounded early Monday in Cabrini-Green, police said. The unidentified 22-year-old man was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital after the 3:20 a.m. shooting, which occurred in the rear of an apartment building in the 400 block of West Chicago Avenue, police said. Witnesses heard gunshots and found the man unresponsive, according to police.

'Healing ash' causes scare at Skokie bank

Powder found in an envelope in a Skokie bank's overnight deposit box caused a scare Monday, but it turned out to be a harmless substance accidentally dropped off by a customer with a holistic healing business. Police said three Edens Bank employees complained of watery eyes and sore throats. A customer called the bank to say he mistakenly included an envelope containing a few ounces of "healing Indian ash" with his weekend deposit. The customer will not be charged, police said.



Train from Chicago crashes

Amtrak says one of its trains slammed into a tractor-trailer that blocked the tracks downstate north of Brighton, injuring nine passengers and a crew member. Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari says the 10 injured went to hospitals for evaluation, but none of the injuries is considered life-threatening. **AP PHOTO**

City strikes new deal for Olympic Village

An Olympic Village may rise on the site of Michael Reese Hospital after all.

The city's efforts to purchase the site are back on track with a revised \$86 million deal that includes more advantageous terms for the city, the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid team announced Monday evening.

The deal with an affiliate of Medline Industries, which owns the 37-acre parcel, raises the overall price tag by \$1 million, but also significantly boosts the amount Medline will contribute toward demolition, site remediation and the Olympic bid, from \$20 million to as much as \$32.5 million, sources said. The bid team characterized the sum as a "charitable contribution." The original agreement with the Mundelein-based hospital supplier hit the skids in September after the city found that environmental clean-up costs would be greater than anticipated.

Chicago is competing with Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo for the right to host the 2016 Summer Games, with a decision due in October 2009.

"We appreciate Medline's flexibility in structuring a transaction which works for our needs," said Chicago 2016 bid leader Patrick Ryan. Medline declined comment on Monday.

If Chicago is not selected to host the Olympics, the city still would pursue development of this community, the bid team said.

Chicago's bid currently calls for a \$1.1 billion privately financed Olympic Village to be built on air rights over the McCormick Place truck yards, which are directly east of the Reese site, separated by train tracks.

The Reese property would greatly expand the potential footprint for the village, which is expected to include about 3,500 apartments, a 5,000-seat dining facility, a private workout facility, Internet cafes, clubs and cinemas.

Plans call for the village to be converted into a mixed-use residential neighborhood, with an affordable housing component, after the Games.

Tribune Co. files for bankruptcy protection

Chicago Tribune and RedEye parent Tribune Co. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday in an effort to restructure its debt.

The Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field, which Tribune Co. has on the auction block, are not part of the filing.

The company said it has sufficient cash to continue to operate its media businesses, including publishing its newspapers and running its TV stations and interactive properties, without interruption.

The following is a letter from Tribune publisher Tony Hunter.

To our customers,

As you may already know, our parent company, Tribune and its individual media properties, which includes Chicago Tribune and RedEye, have filed to restructure their debt obligations under the protection of Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The Chicago Cubs franchise is not included in this filing.

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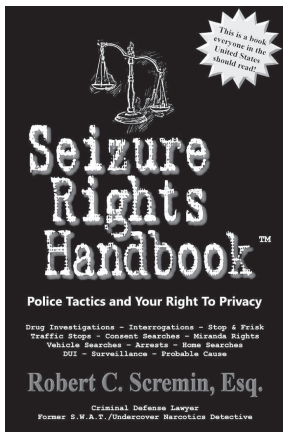
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- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 1:20, 4:10

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- **Role Models** (R) 9:10 P.M.
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- **Changeling** (R) 11:45, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50

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Riots cripple Greek cities

1 Gangs of youths smashed their way through central Athens and Thessaloniki on Monday, torching stores and buildings after the fatal police shooting of a teenager sparked Greece's worst rioting in decades.

Gitmo confessions?

2 The alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks and four co-defendants told a military judge Monday at Guantanamo Bay that they want to immediately confess at their war-crimes tribunal, setting up likely guilty pleas and their possible executions.

Airport takeover

3 Environmental protesters cut through the perimeter fence at Britain's third-largest airport Monday and occupied the tarmac, forcing the cancellation of more than 50 flights and raising questions over the vulnerability of airports.

Bodies found

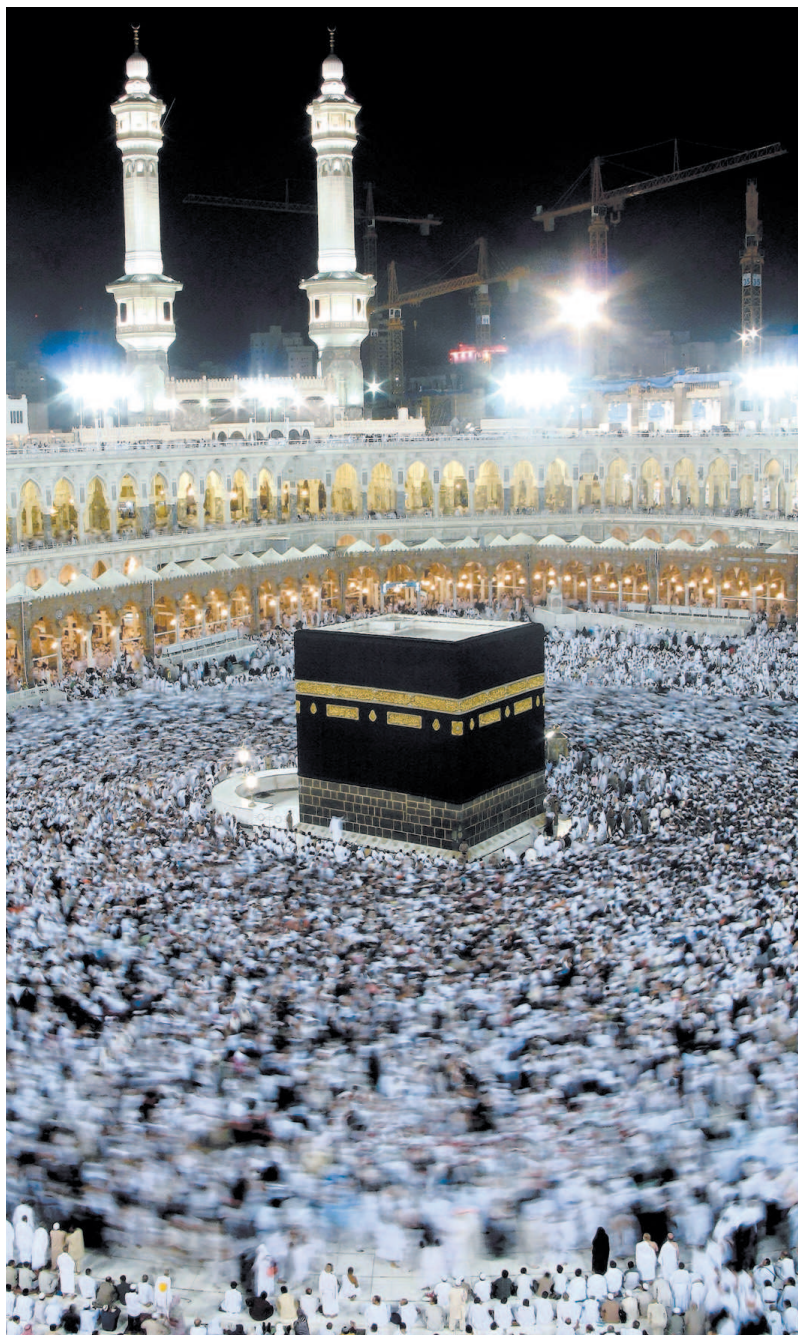
4 Four bodies have been recovered in the Florida Everglades, days after authorities in Hollywood, Fla., said they believe they died when two small planes collided in the air.

'Butt Bandit' jailed

5 A man dubbed the "Butt Bandit" for making greasy imprints of his nether parts on windows in Valentine, Neb., has been sentenced to more than a year in jail.

Wall Street rally

6 Wall Street extended its rally to a second session Monday as investors grew optimistic that President-elect Obama's plan to dramatically ramp up infrastructure spending could help boost the crippled economy.



Around the world

7 **MECCA, Saudi Arabia** Thousands of Muslim pilgrims on Monday move around the Kaaba (black cube, center) inside the Grand Mosque as part of the hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Islam requires that Muslims who are financially and physically able perform the hajj at least once in their lifetime. **AP**

Authorities arrest top Mumbai suspect

8 **ISLAMABAD, Pakistan** In a move aimed at diffusing tensions with India, Pakistani authorities arrested a suspected ringleader of last month's deadly attacks in Mumbai, along with rounding up several others in a massive raid on an alleged Pakistani terrorist group in the Himalayan territory of Kashmir, Pakistani officials, witnesses and members of the group said Monday.

Residents in the small Kashmiri town of Shawai Nala said dozens of Pakistani soldiers descended on a camp run by Jamaat-ud-Dawa, a Muslim aid organization suspected of funding the militant Pakistani group Lashkar-i-Taiba, about 3 p.m. Sunday. Mehboob Ahmed, a resident of the nearby city of Muzaffarabad, the area's capital, said a Pakistani army helicopter gunship swept over the camp several times just before the ground was rocked by rocket fire and a fusillade of bullets fired by Pakistani forces.

According to local residents and a Jamaat-ud-Dawa member, Pakistani security forces arrested 22 people, including Zaki ur-Rehman Lakhwi, one of at least five Lashkar-i-Taiba members named by Indian authorities as the masterminds behind the brutal Mumbai assault. The attack on India's financial capital killed more than 170 people and wounded at least 230.

Hurry, money is going fast!

The government has just \$15 billion left to spend from the first \$350 billion pot of financial bailout money, the Treasury Department announced Monday.

The department said \$335 billion has been allocated from the first half of the \$700 billion program, which was enacted on Oct. 3. The information was contained in a report to Congress.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who is overseeing the program, is weighing tapping the second \$350 billion. The main goal of the program is aimed at getting financial institutions to lend money more freely again, which would help revive the economy.

Of the \$335 billion spoken for, \$250 billion has been pledged for capital infusions to banks. In return, the government receives partial ownership stakes in the financial institutions.



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Amount a retired New York City man says he's spent fighting a \$115 parking ticket because he's got "nothing else to do." Simon Belsky says he was erroneously ticketed two years ago. The 63-year-old says the ticket cites his van for blocking a Brooklyn fire hydrant even though the only hydrant on the street was down the block.

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OH, HALL NO!

Santo says he's 'fed up' after latest snub

Chicago Tribune

The longer he goes without getting the call from the Hall of Fame, the easier it is for Ron Santo to rebound.

The former Cubs third baseman led all players in voting by the Veterans Committee, but still fell nine votes shy of gaining the necessary 75 percent of the votes by the 64 living Hall of Famers. Santo received 39 votes, or 61 percent. No one on the ballot came close to getting in, the fourth straight time the Veterans Committee has failed to elect a member.

"You know what, I thought it was going to be harder to deal with, but it wasn't," Santo said by phone from his Scottsdale, Ariz., home. "I'm just kind of fed up with it. I figure, hey, it's not in the cards. But I don't want to go through this every two years. It's ridiculous."

It's becoming a sad tradition around the Santo household every two years, at least since he first appeared on the ballot in 2003. Santo gets his hopes up, hears everyone tell him this time it's "going to happen," and then sits and waits by the phone for the call that never comes. As much as he tried to downplay it beforehand, the hopelessly optimistic Santo was buoyed by the fact he fell only five votes shy in the most recent election in 2007.

"Everybody felt this was my year," he said. "I felt it. I thought it was gonna happen. What really upset me was nobody [from the post-1943 era] got in again. It just doesn't make sense."

The Cubs organization was upset over the snub, and shocked that it happened again.

Ex-Cubs in Hall feel for Santo

Ernie Banks, Ferguson Jenkins and Billy Williams expressed disappointment that Ron Santo once again was denied admission to join them in the Hall of Fame.

"I had already bought my ticket to Las Vegas," Banks said, explaining that he had planned to celebrate with Santo at baseball's winter meetings. "It's a mystery why Ronnie is not in the Hall of Fame."

Jenkins added: "I'm disappointed. He is third overall behind Schmitt (Mike Schmidt) and Eddie Mathews as far as third basemen in that era. It's really too bad. I don't know why he can't get the votes."

Williams and Santo played together in the minors and wound up playing more games together as teammates than any other players in big-league history.

"This is disappointing to me and I know it's disappointing to Ronnie," Williams said. "I've often said that because we weren't in the postseason and not on national television at the end of the year, it did not help. A lot of people didn't know this guy was a great baseball player."



Billy Williams (left) and Ernie Banks (right) have voiced their support of the induction of Ron Santo (center) into the Baseball Hall of Fame. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE FILE**

"I was hoping and praying today would be his day," manager Lou Piniella said. "There was a gasp in the room when [it was announced] it was a 'no go.'"

General Manager Jim Hendry called it a "terribly devastating day" for Santo.

"Hopefully he can take solace in the fact that those of us who know him know he should be in," he said. "I think the city of Chicago and all the Cubs people and all [the media] have always acknowledged that. I feel terribly for him."

Joe Gordon, the former second base-

man from the New York Yankees, was voted in by a Veterans Committee group considering players from the pre-1943 era. Only 12 people are on that committee, and Gordon received 10 votes.

But there probably is not going to be any change in the rules, and Santo is resigned to the fact that he may not ever get into the Hall of Fame. While most fans seem to believe he's worthy of the honor, they're not the ones doing the voting.

"It wasn't going to change my life," Santo said. "I'm OK. But I know I've earned it."

Maddux makes retirement official

After 355 wins and 23 major league seasons, Greg Maddux held a 30-minute news conference to announce his retirement on the opening day of baseball's winter meetings.

"I really just came here today to say thank you," Maddux said. "I appreciate everything this game has given me. It's going to be hard to walk away obviously, but it's time. I still think I can play the game, but not as well as I would like to, so it's time to say goodbye."



Maddux
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RON SANTO
VS. JOE GORDON

Battle for the Hall

We took a side-by-side look at the careers of Joe Gordon and Ron Santo to try to figure out why one man was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Monday and the other was not.



Ron Santo: 0

**YEARS
PLAYING IN
NEW YORK**

Joe Gordon: 7

Conclusion: There's no way Gordon's seven years playing in New York didn't play a big role in his election.

Played with diabetes throughout his entire career.



**CAREER
CRISIS**

Missed the 1944 and 1945 seasons to serve in World War II.

Conclusion: It's impossible to know how Santo's illness affected his career. Gordon, on the other hand, hit .210 in his first season back before regaining his previous form.

Was dealt to the White Sox for four players, including Steve Stone, near the end of his career.



**NOTABLE
TRADE**

While managing Cleveland in 1960, he was traded to Detroit for its manager, Jimmy Dykes. It was the only time in MLB history managers were traded for one another.



Conclusion: Gordon definitely was part of the more interesting trade.

1964—.313 with 30 homers, 114 RBIs, 4th in NL MVP voting.



**BEST
YEAR**

1942—.322 with 18 homers, 103 RBIs, Won AL MVP



Conclusion: Santo finished in the Top Ten in MVP voting four times, Gordon five times. But Gordon won it, which HOF voters looking back in time put great weight on.

Hit .277 with 342 homers and 1,331 RBIs in 2,243 games played.



**CAREER
STATS**

Hit .268 with 253 homers and 975 RBIs in 1,566 games played.



Conclusion: Pretty even considering Gordon missing war years. Santo played a much more difficult defensive position.

FINAL CONCLUSION

There is absolutely no reason Gordon deserves to be in any more than Santo. Gordon got in posthumously. There's still time for Santo, but it's getting late in the day.

Twitter talks injustice

With Ron Santo denied the Hall again, RedEye asked: What's the greatest injustice in the history of Chicago sports? Here are some answers. We never deny new Twitter followers. Join us at twitter.com/redeyechicago.



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Lack of televised Hawks games for years. A legendary (original 6) team that only sucked so bad cause their owner didn't care. [@beeelythe](https://twitter.com/beeelythe)

The Superbowl Shuffle [@SamAbernethy](https://twitter.com/SamAbernethy)

I'm sure I'm like the 2,323,852 person to respond with this, but uh, STEVE BARTMAN. (still makes me furious). [@MerrittPR](https://twitter.com/MerrittPR)

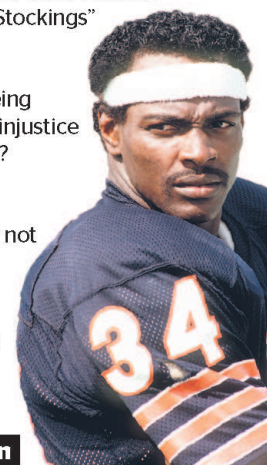
Somebody already mentioned my first one, so...adding lights to Wrigley Field? :) [@lorlbournie](https://twitter.com/lorlbournie)

0-3 two years in a row... :([@cschwarz](https://twitter.com/cschwarz)

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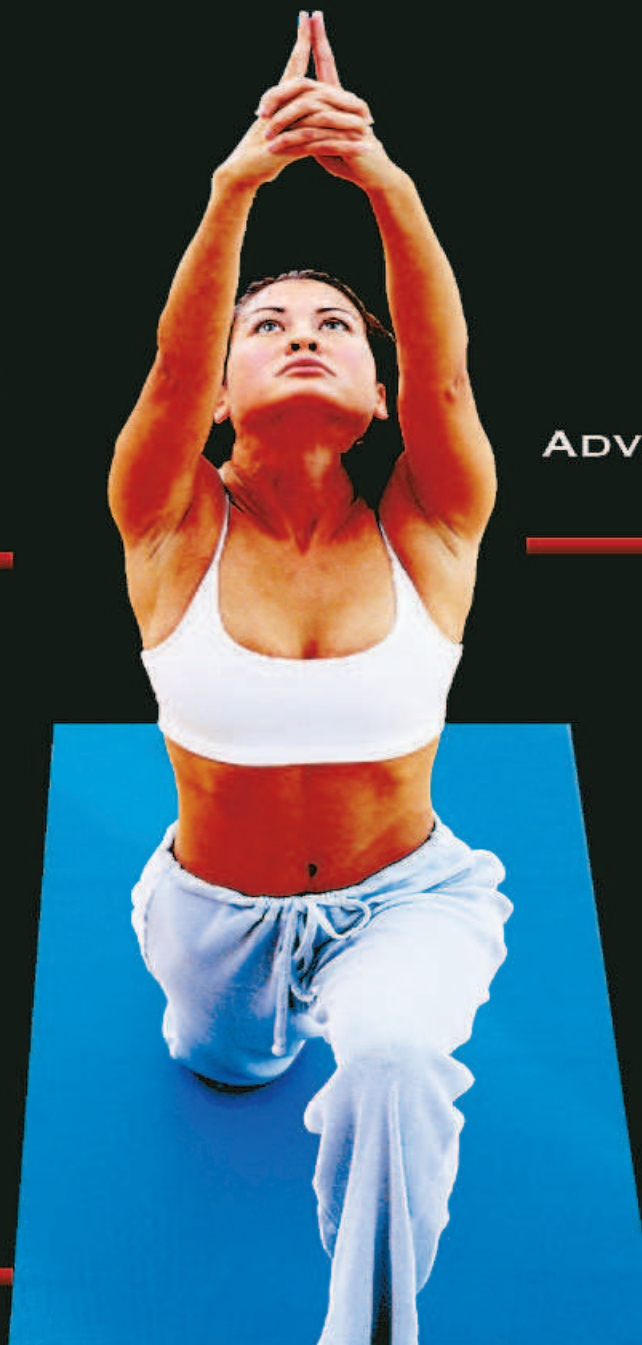
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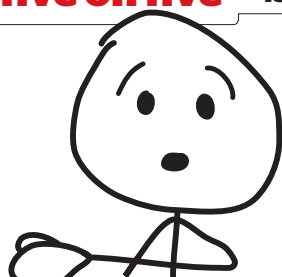


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Santo clause

The panel is a bit shaken up that Ron Santo didn't get in the Hall of Fame again. That's the excuse they wanted to use for not being funny.



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1 If Ron Santo never makes the Hall of Fame, I'll ...	... take your mother out to a nice seafood dinner and never call her again!	... feel very sorry for him. Diabetes, Cubs fan, no Hall. Give the man SOMETHING.	... genuinely feel bad for the guy, more so when Sammy Sosa makes it.	He will make it. But we'll all be dead by then. Except Stick Figure since he's fictional.	Yeah, I can't be dead! What's dead?
2 Make up a trade rumor about the White Sox.	No swapping for Jose Uribe, who is always a swing and a miss.	Ozzie Guillen to ESPN for Bobby Knight.	Voiceover swap: Hawk Harrelson to L.A. for Morgan Freeman.	Paul Konerko will be dealt for the Pillsbury Doughboy and nobody will tell the difference.	Rumors make me sad. I always get compared to Mary-Kate Olsen.
3 What is the medical term for injuring yourself in bed?	Assault?	BDSM.	"Spitzeritis." See also: "Hilton Syndrome."	S&M	M&M
4 How will you remember Greg Maddux?	Hopefully he was kind enough to leave his card when he left.	As long as he's still alive, I won't need the mnemonic.	As the guy who made his pitches bend more than the truth about Plaxico's night out.	As the second coming and the first going.	With my memory pills, of course.
5 Describe Monday's opening night for ABA's expansion Chicago Steam.	It's just like the Titanic, but it's full of bears!	"Chicago Steam" is another way you can injure yourself in bed.	With a discussion of why "Steam" was picked over "Mist," "Cloud" or "Gaseous Expulsion."	HELLOOO! HELLOOO! ANYBODY THERE? ANYBODY?	Hey, I just went outside and saw their mascot! How on earth did it get in my mouth?

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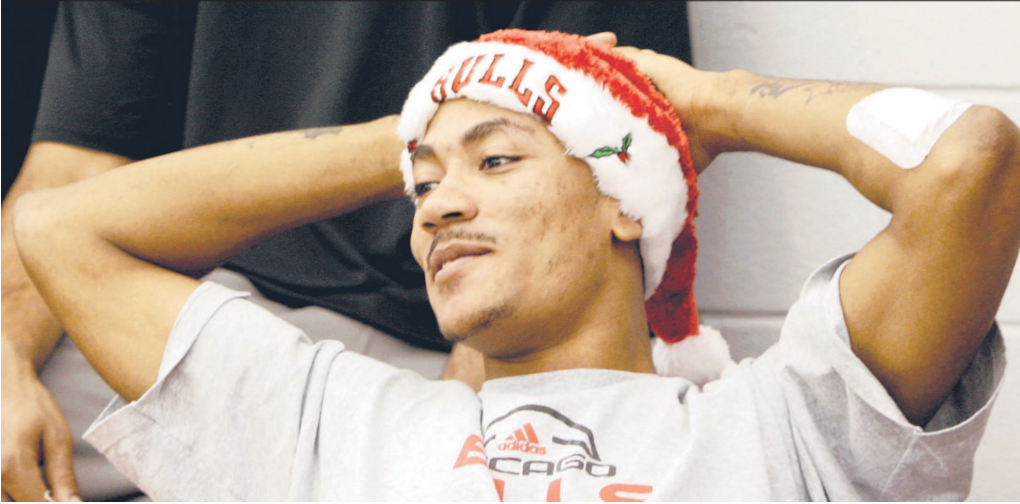
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Bulls rookie Derrick Rose shows off his bandage Monday. DAVID TROTMAN-WILKINS/TRIBUNE

Red-faced Rose

Chicago Tribune

Derrick Rose’s laugh briefly replaced his sheepish smile when asked if the freak injury he suffered Monday morning had come as payback for giving up Gummi Bears.

A self-described sweets freak in college, Rose needed 10 stitches to close a gash in his left forearm after he said he rolled onto a knife while eating an apple in bed.

Rose missed Monday’s Bulls practice but said he planned to play Tuesday night against the Knicks unless doctors held him out. Either way, he cemented a place in Chicago sports lore among all-time wacky injuries.

“Mama always said don’t eat in bed, right?” guard Larry Hughes deadpanned. “We’ll make fun of him a little bit.”

The Bulls can do so because Rose avoided serious injury with the weird mishap. The rookie guard wore a large gauze bandage but also shot

baskets in sweats after practice, and coach Vinny Del Negro said Rose would play against the NBA team from, well, the Big Apple.

“It was a silly incident,” Rose said. “I was cutting up some food, and I laid on a knife getting lazy in bed. I went to get a bottle of water, came back, forgot the knife was there, then sat down and sliced my arm.

“I panicked when it first happened and called my trainer. It was painful, but I should be all right.”

Athletic trainer Fred Tedeschi drove Rose to Highland Park Hospital shortly after 8 a.m., and doctors closed the wound. Rose said he would have the stitches for 10 to 14 days.

“It’s an unfortunate thing, but he’ll be fine,” Del Negro said. “He could have practiced, but it was more precautionary to let him relax a little after the incident and get some rest. Thank goodness it’s not serious.”

Lions find another losing gesture

Detroit center Dominic Raiola says he has no remorse for making an obscene gesture toward Lions fans because their heckling went too far.

“I don’t take one thing back,” he said Monday. NFL spokesman Randall Liu said the league will look into it. Raiola made the gesture Sunday during the winless Lions’ 20-16 loss to Minnesota. “I’m just so frustrated,” Raiola said. “I’m tired of

being a doormat for people to just talk to us how they want to talk to us. I’m just not going to put up with that anymore.”

The NFL has fined players for making similar gestures this season and in past years such as 2006 when Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick extended both middle fingers toward fans at a home game.



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Philly Cheesesteak with Jimmie’s on top.

HOMETOWN HITS



General Manager Ken Williams said he has assured Jermaine Dye that he remains with the White Sox—for now. But what happens by the end of the week and through the off-season remains up for discussion, as Williams acknowledged Cincinnati’s interest in his slugger while trying to fortify a gradually younger roster. “For our purposes, we’ll sit back, survey the landscape, and if someone brings something to our attention that makes sense to where we can balance it out for the present and also get ourselves better for the future, we’ll travel down that road,” Williams told Chicago reporters Monday night at the winter meetings.



General Manager Jim Hendry’s search for a left-handed-hitting right fielder remains a guessing game right now, and he stressed the word “patience” while briefing the media Monday night. But the Yankees’ decision not to offer Bob Abreu arbitration could suggest the market isn’t as high as it was only a month ago for the two-time All-Star and former Gold Glove right fielder, and the Yankees were afraid he’d accept a one-year deal in arbitration. If the Cubs could ink Abreu for one or even two years at around \$15 million per year, they would have the middle-of-the-order, left-handed slugger manager Lou Piniella craves without having to give up much defensively. While Hendry was mum on the rumors concerning San Diego pitcher Jake Peavy, Padres GM Kevin Towers confirmed the Cubs were the only remaining team on the radar.



John McDonough heard the latest rumor: that he’s considering firing Dale Tallon and naming a new general manager of the Blackhawks. “I have no idea where that stuff comes from,” McDonough, the Hawks’ president, said Monday. “That’s not true. You dismiss it and just keep going. It’s unfair. It’s just speculating.” McDonough acknowledges he has made “over 30 changes in the front office—we have to get this right” since joining the organization just over a year ago. But he said he’s not considering adding Tallon to the list. “I’m very pleased with our hockey operations,” McDonough said. “We’re playing pretty well right now. We’re going in the right direction, and we’re a good, young team. Things are trending well.”

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Act quickly to snag tickets for these big NYE bashes

By Lisa Arnett



our crew's already abuzz about what to do for New Year's Eve this year, but by the time everyone agrees, it could very well be Dec. 30. These downtown bars have tickets on sale now—if you don't get a move on, you could be left out in the cold.

New Year's Party at Bull & Bear

431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973
\$150. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Party at this soon-to-open River North sports bar with passed appetizers, a premium open bar, favors and a champagne toast. Tickets include entrance to sibling bar Stone Lotus (973 N. Orleans St.) from 1-4 a.m. and a New Year's Day buffet brunch back at B&B 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tickets: wanttickets.com

Angels & Kings' New Year's

710 N. Clark St. 312-482-8600

\$95. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Revelers will ring in '09 three times at this bash (once for each of AK's three locations in New York, Chicago and Barcelona) with specialty cocktail toasts at 11 a.m., midnight and 1 a.m. Includes a premium open bar, treats from Sweet Sophie Pastry and swag bags. DJ Boy Wonder spins upstairs, while DJ Mister Wolf mans the decks downstairs.

Tickets: angelsandkings.com

New Year's at The Lucky Lady

440 N. State St. 312-670-0335

\$115. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

The owners of clubby Manor and RiNo are shifting downscale with this laid-back tavern, and since it officially opens Dec. 31, partygoers will be among the first to check it out. Includes a premium open bar (9 a.m.-2 a.m.) and passed hors d'oeuvres. DJ Lee Michaels spins.

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NV Penthouse New Year's Eve

\$145. 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

116 W. Hubbard St. 312-329-9960

Party with Emirano Eperiam, who won the accolade of best cocktail of the night at our Best Bartender Bash earlier this year. Includes a premium open bar and appetizers, plus party favors, dessert and champagne at midnight.

Tickets: nvpenthouselounge.com

NYE09 at Hub 51

\$125. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

51 W. Hubbard St. 312.828.0051

You might frequent this after-work hang in your Friday casual clothes, but on Dec. 31, it's black tie encouraged. Includes passed hors d'oeuvres, a premium bar package and a midnight champagne toast. DJs Koncept and Mr. Joshua spin.

Tickets: hub51chicago.com

New Year's Eve at Stay and Manor

111 W. Erie St. 312-475-0816;

642 N. Clark St. 312-475-1390

\$135. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Stay, the new late-night lounge above Manor, opens early for this combo party where you can hang out at both bars all night. Includes a premium open bar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.) at both venues, plus appetizers and a champagne toast at midnight.

Tickets: outfitevents.com

The Octopussy Penthouse at Vertigo

2 W. Erie St. 312-202-6060

\$175. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Did someone say ice luge? If weather permits, you'll find two luges hoisting up cocktails on the terrace at this Bond-themed bash. Includes a premium open bar, appetizers, a midnight champagne toast and late-night dessert.

Tickets: Through the Dana Hotel concierge at 312-202-6018.

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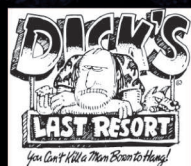
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Brandy
AP


Brandy emerges a changed artist

By Glenn Gamboa

Considering Brandy's rocky recent past, the sweet serenity and uplifting R&B anthems that fill her new album, "Human," are nothing short of stunning.

Although she doesn't address the 2006 car accident that killed another driver on an L.A. freeway, Brandy is definitely a changed woman on her fourth album, her first effort since 2004's middling "Afrodisiac."

"These scars I've got, they're a part of who I am," Brandy sings on "Camouflage." "Take me or not, but I finally understand. I'm so done trying to be everything you want."

"Camouflage" is a worthy cousin to Beyoncé's "Irreplaceable" that should share similar success, but it's more about esteem-raising and self-improvement than a search for a sassy put-down.

It's a feeling so ingrained in "Human" that the silky R&B anthem "Warm It Up With

Love" isn't just one of the album's standout tracks, but its guiding principle.

With the help of producer Rodney

Brandy
"Human"


Jenkins, Brandy radiates warmth and hopefulness throughout "Human"—not in the naive way of someone who doesn't know any better, but in the determined way of someone who does.

Her delivery on the up-tempo "Right Here (Departed)" and the touching ballad "Long Distance" reflects those choices. There's no showing off with vocal acrobatics or flashy production, just a premium on the melody and the mood.

With "Human," Brandy has created an album of soulful solace that she seemed to need for herself. Then, she graciously shares it with the rest of us.

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- » Common, "Universal Mind Control"
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"Right Now"

Ryan Star's quest to become the next big "Rock Star" has been a long time coming, but his new single suggests the wait may soon be over. He's taking elements of the melodic rock that the likes of Daughtry have been succeeding with and twisting it into something all his own, adding more depth and edge through unexpected rhythms and chanting cheerleaders. "Right Now" is a massive rock anthem signaling Star's pending arrival.

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What they're saying

Here's what some music critics have written about Common's latest, "Universal Mind Control":

"Common's eighth studio album ... brims with the most trivial and disposable music of his career."

—Greg Kot, *Chicago Tribune*

"'Universal Mind Control' gets stuck in the same rut as so many other booty-jam records do: It's not all that memorable."

—Eric Danton, *The Hartford Courant*

"Paging Kanye West: Please phone home, Common needs you."

—Jon Caramanica, *The New York Times*

"'Universal Mind Control' seems to move Common backward instead of forward, which for a lyricist of his caliber is truly disappointing."

—Josette Compton, *Entertainment Weekly*

"While we're used to Common in the role of poetic prophet or self-righteous rhyme slayer, 'Universal Mind Control' is primarily a rhythmic celebration, paying tribute to Afrika Bambaataa and Jonzun Crew jams."

—Michael A. Gonzales, *Spin*

Uncommon GOALS

This Chicago artist/actor speaks out on politics, Serena and new album

By Kyra Kyles | REDEYE

You don't have to be a big Common fan to recognize the artist's deep, slightly raspy voice anymore.

Chi-town's B-boy from the South Side is almost ubiquitous on TV and film as well as on the mic. He appears in ongoing ads for the iPod's nemesis, the Microsoft Zune. His album, "Universal Mind Control," drops Tuesday.

And next summer, the "Smokin' Aces" star will rise against the machines in the highly anticipated "Terminator Salvation."

Still, the rapper and actor, born Lonnie Rashid Lynn Jr., was painfully polite and humble in a recent conversation with RedEye. Here's what he told us about his heavily blogged-about love life, the new album and his political aspirations.

Common attends the 2008 BET Hip-Hop Awards.
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Where do you live now?

I live in Los Angeles, but I have property in Chicago and a loving family in Chicago.

Aww, you moved off and left us for good? What spots do you hit when you are visiting in the Chi?

I definitely love going to my mother's house because she always cooks. I always like to go to movie theaters downtown. I still go by Harold's Chicken to get French fries, and I love Gino's East. And another place go to is Joe's Crab Shack.

What can we expect from "Universal Mind Control"?

If there's one thing I want people to experience, it's fun. This is definitely a fun voyage, and it's definitely something you may be able to dance to, let go to and have a great barbecue or be near the beach or riding around to. But I've got songs that are serious, as well, like "Changes."

Yes, "Changes," which encouraged support for [President-elect] Barack Obama, is all over the Web, and it features your daughter. How old is she, and did she write that spoken word poem herself?

She's 11 years old, and her name is Omoye Lynn. Yes, she wrote that. I was so impressed and touched. Three years ago, she was on "Be," and she said she wanted to be a dancer. Every time you asked her, it was an actress and dancer. This time, I asked her what she wanted to be and she said she wanted to be a politician. A lawyer, a politician and then president. Barack has inspired children, younger adults, adults, everyone.

Do you think you'll be asked to perform this song at the inauguration?

Well, I haven't talked to anyone about it, but I've been speaking it into existence, even before Barack became president-elect. I said I would play for him if he gets elected, and be at the inaugural ball. (Laughs.) Maybe they'll call me now.

Do you have any political aspirations of your own? You've always been known as a conscious MC.

I would say I prefer to do it from the outside, but I would not be being honest if I said that once Barack got in office, man, I thought I could do something like that and help make change. I never had faith in our political system until Barack was made president-elect. It showed the potential for human beings that care about other human beings.



Common performs earlier this year in L.A.

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Hmmm ... Common the politician. Well, you've already made it from a rapper to an actor. Of those latter two, which would you choose if you could only do one thing?

I feel like I'm an artist and I love making music. I feel like I always want to make music; it's in my soul. If I had to prioritize, I would put films in front of doing music right now because I'm building a new career and have to continue to establish myself as an actor and diversify myself. My goal is to become a movie star and have a career in film, such as Denzel [Washington] and Will Smith ... career actors who are bona fide actors and movie stars. I am also focusing on my activism, working to get Common Ground foundation growing and trying to find out everything the community needs.

Well, as you're focusing on that, it seems some new people are focusing on you. You are all over blogs like bossip.com and mediatakeout.com. Or should I say, you and Miss Serena Williams, with whom you've been photographed a lot lately.**Are you in a relationship with her?**

I'm dating hip-hop.

Oh yeah? What about acting? Don't leave that girlfriend out.

Yeah, acting too. (Laughs.) It's a little ménage trois. But about Serena, I mean have you ever vacationed with friends before? I went on vacation with her and some friends, and because we may be celebs or people of notoriety, the photographers only took pictures of the two of us around each other, and nobody else we were with. I was a little shocked that people came all the way to Hawaii to shoot pictures of us, but I understand that this is the life I chose.

What? Come on, Common. There are pictures of you and Serena surfing side-by-side. You are not dating her?

I will say this: I respect and love Venus Williams and Serena Williams.

All right, all right. Well, you won't spill, so tell me this: Is there a time that you'd ever publicly reveal that you're in a romantic relationship?

Not really. The reason why I wouldn't talk about private situations in my life is that when I was dating Erykah Badu, when things didn't go right, it was everywhere. I don't want publicity to add onto the pain. That's why I don't talk about my personal life in the public. Things that are dear and true, I keep close.

If you won't spill on Serena, tell us about "Terminator Salvation." Who do you play, and are you scared that rabid "Terminator" fans will eat you and Christian Bale alive if they don't like the movie?

My role is that of Barnes, and Barnes is part of the resistance against the machines. I fight with John Connor [Christian Bale], and am his right-hand man. This takes place in post-apocalyptic time, similar to where we are in the world. People are going to enjoy this. You'll see all nationalities working together to help save humanity. It's powerful. Not only is it a great movie to watch, it's got layers of meaning.

And layers of stunts, I'll bet. Did you do your own?

I definitely did most of my stunts. One I couldn't do. It was the first time I got there, and they thought it was too risky. It was a motorcycle stunt, getting knocked off the motorcycle while going at fast speed. I kind of agreed not to do it because that would be messed up to get hurt on the first day.

Good thinking. What are you working on after that? More film? Any TV?

Naw, I'm going to be doing new films, ironing them out. I'm really looking at indie films and I want to do some more franchise too. I want to be that box office draw, that movie star, you know?

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Fighting words

With whom did Common have a public feud in the '90s, epitomized in the song "The B**** in Yoo"? Text **"common"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a text back telling you whether you got it right.

1. Ice Cube
2. Ice T
3. Snoop Dogg
4. Andre 3000

Casting Common

Common will play a resistance fighter in "Terminator Salvation" and in 2006 impressed critics as a witty bodyguard, Sir Ivy, in "Smokin' Aces." But the South Side MC-turned-actor told RedEye he's still finding his way to the red carpet.

"Common has built a brand name in music," he said. "But in Hollywood, when I first began, my name didn't resonate throughout Hollywood. In fact, the first time I didn't have to audition for a role was "Terminator Salvation."

Well, here's RedEye to the rescue with some casting ideas for those Holly-weird minds out West:

Biopic: Smokey

The part: Crooner Smokey Robinson

The pitch: Mos Def plays Chuck Berry in "Cadillac Records." Beyonce is holding it down as Etta James in the same movie, and we all know what "Ray" did for Jamie Foxx. The biopic is the trick, and Common could definitely grow a handlebar 'stache and play Motown legend Smokey Robinson. No idea how he'd pull off the famous falsetto, though.

Comedy: 'Flight of the Conchords' cameo

The part: Rapper from Down Under who helps the Conchords make a hit (finally)

The pitch: Just as Run DMC collaborated with Aerosmith to create the classic, "Walk this Way," a Kiwi-playing Common could give New Zealand nerd rockers Bret and Jemaine some street cred. It's obvious they need it, given past rap romps like "Hiphopotamus vs. Rhymenoceros."

Action: Double 007

The part: Bond, James Bond in a film we're tentatively titling "Like Water for Chocolate"

The pitch: Current star Daniel Craig recently said it's time for a black Bond, unwittingly touching off an annoying audition-fest between Jamie Foxx and Diddy, the latter of whom even had the nerve to film his so-called Bond-like behavior and post it online.

Give those dudes the boot. Common is smooth, equipped with both a sexy voice and playboy swagger in the girl-getting video "Go." He also is adding athleticism and ass-kicking to his resume with "Terminator Salvation." Bonus: Hire Serena Williams as a Bond girl called Booty Galore.

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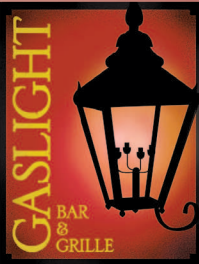
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Plenty of fans shelled out more than once to see "The Dark Knight" in theaters multiple times. They might wind up doing the same on home video given how the studio is skimping with the extras on the initial DVD and Blu-ray releases. Fans probably will consider it a bargain just to get their hands on

the year's biggest blockbuster in which Batman (Christian Bale) battles his inner demons and the sadistic schemes of his greatest foe, the Joker (Heath Ledger). The DVD and Blu-ray releases have a behind-the-scenes segment and episodes of the "Gotham Tonight" news show. The Blu-ray also has a featurette on Batman's gadgets and a psychological study of the conflicted hero. A single-disc DVD version comes with just the movie.

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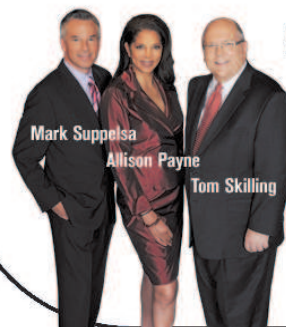
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Saved by the kettlebell

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A kettlebell isn't much to look at—it's basically a cannonball with a handle.

And yet, this decidedly low-tech device has become a hot fitness trend. Kettlebell guru Jessica Huthmaker swears that the cast-iron weight is a key that opens a world of fitness opportunities as you swing it, fling it and hoist it.

A 300-year-old workout invented by Russian strongmen, the kettlebell is getting a new life among American athletes and fitness fans.

About a year ago, kettlebells caught on in the celebrity circuit, with Jennifer Lopez, Sylvester Stallone and the always-shirtless Matthew McConaughey among the many stars who adopted the weights into their workouts. Mainstream stores such as Target recently started stocking kettlebells in the fitness aisles.

Huthmaker, who trains in Colorado Springs, represents the new wave of kettlebell enthusiasts. The vast majority

of her clients are women who look more like aerobics class refugees than Russian strongmen, and their goals typically are toning and weight loss rather than bulging muscles.

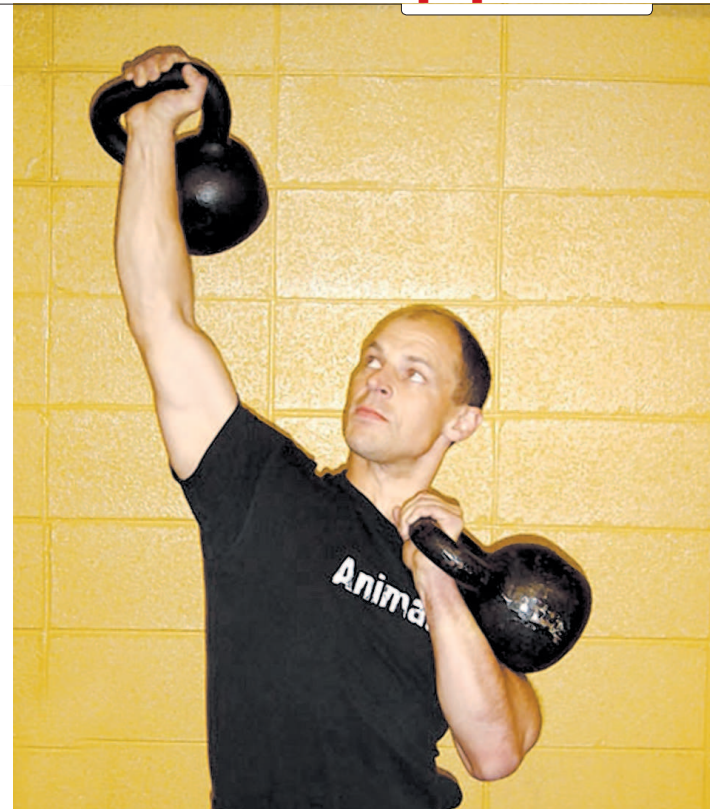
She thinks women are more open to anything that works—and “anything that will make my butt smaller.”

Huthmaker found kettlebells about four years ago and got hooked.

Huthmaker is producing a DVD due out this month that is designed to help people put together their own workouts, and many other trainers have done the same.

So, after a handful of sessions with a trainer to learn safe techniques, one could simply buy a DVD and a single kettlebell (starting at roughly \$50) and train with that until they're strong enough to need more weight.

“I'll never go back to regular old training,” said Huthmaker, who began as a weightlifter and bodybuilder. “This is a lot more fun. I'd call it the most efficient way to burn fat and get in shape.”



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- » It's mobile. Take a single kettlebell to the park and you can still do your workout.
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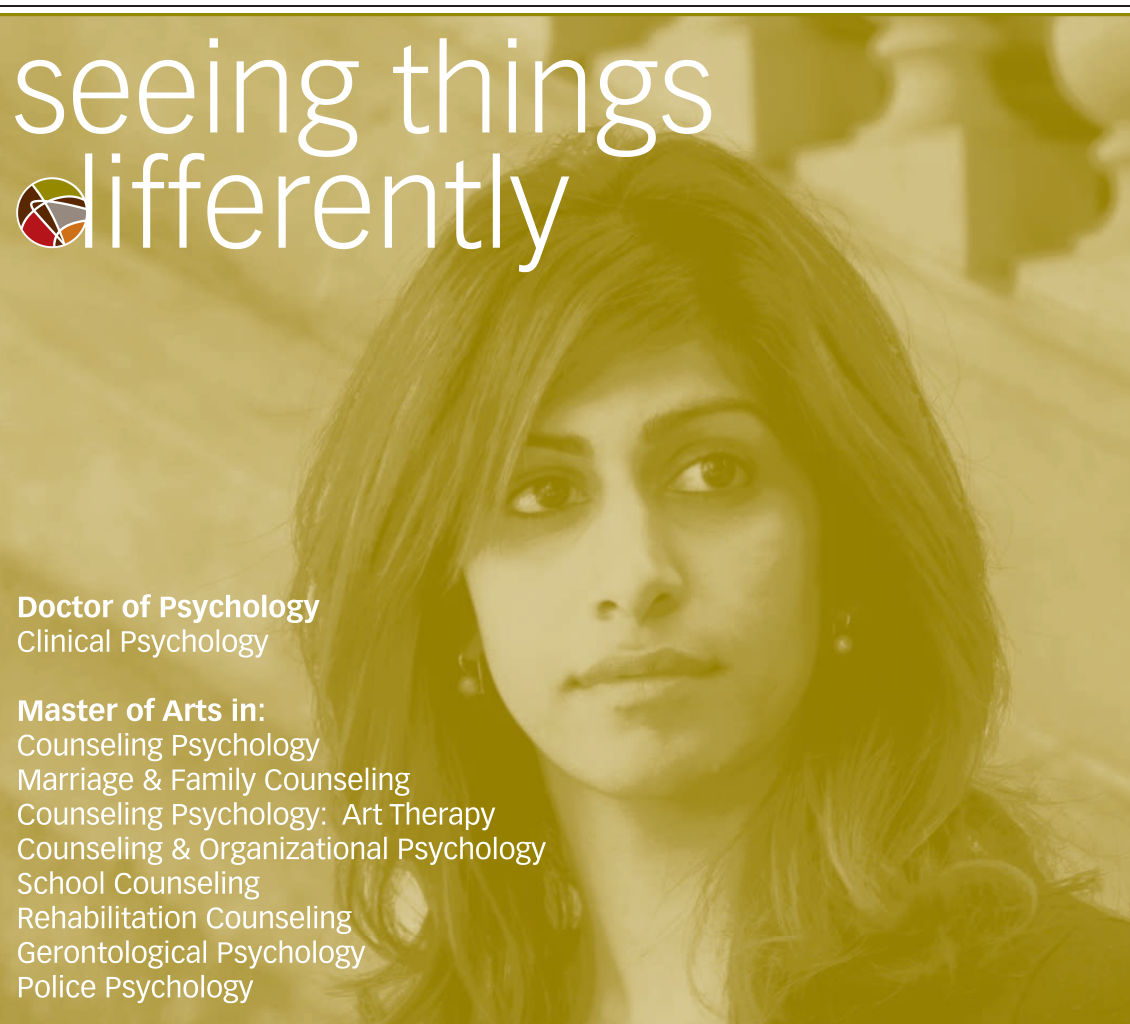
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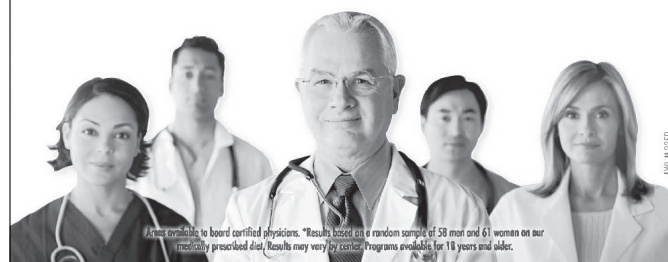


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One boozy date with Anne Hathaway is worth some serious moolah

Think you've got a shot with Anne Hathaway? You do if you've got an extra 12,000 clams lying around. That's how much the "Rachel Getting Married" actress took in at a fundraiser in L.A. on Sunday night. Three fans paid about \$12,000 for drinks with Hathaway, according to People magazine. "I'm not usually very forward, but I thought if there was ever a crowd for me to do something like this, this is my crowd, so I would like to auction myself off," Hathaway said, according to the mag. The date was "for

drinks somewhere fabulous, and basically get you totally [bleep]-faced," Hathaway said. "Tell me what I'm worth." Proceeds from the night went toward the Trevor Project, a crisis helpline for LGBT youth, according to People. Hathaway reportedly started blushing when her price kept going up. "Wow, I feel really good right now." The whole thing got RedEye thinking about how one could spend a couple grand on a night on the town with Hathaway. Here's our budget.

Hathaway
AP FILE



DVD rental of all of Hathaway's hits (so we have something to talk about):	\$20	Getting [bleep]-faced at said club:	\$500 (That Dom Perignon ain't cheap!)
Round-trip airfare from Chicago to L.A.:	\$763	Delicious late-night fourth meal at Taco Bell:	\$11
Limo service from LAX to posh L.A. hotel:	\$80	Lonely limo ride back to hotel:	\$80
Pre-date pampering, haircuts:	\$50	One night at said hotel:	\$500
Quick snack at the lobby vending machine:	\$1	Room service a la "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York":	\$600
Dinner at swanky L.A. nightclub with Hathaway:	\$200	Magazine for return flight:	\$4

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Hardwicke
AP FILE

Director out of 'Twilight' zone

There will be a sequel for "Twilight," but not for the director. Summit Entertainment has announced that director Catherine Hardwicke will not return for the "Twilight" sequel "New Moon," according to **ew.com**. The studio and Hardwicke reportedly could not agree on a schedule. "I am sorry that due to timing I will not have the opportunity to direct 'New Moon,'" Hardwicke said. "Directing 'Twilight' has been one the great experiences of my life, and I am grateful to the fans for their passionate support of the film."

Special guest star on CW

Fall Out Boy rocker and proud new papa Pete Wentz will make a special cameo in an episode of The CW's "Privileged," Entertainment Weekly reports. The episode, in which the bassist/songwriter/fashion designer will play himself, will air in early '09.



Wentz

Ruffalo suspect in custody

A person of interest in the shooting of Mark Ruffalo's brother turned herself into police Monday, **people.com** reports. Shaha Adham was wanted in connection to the Dec. 1 attack at a condo in Beverly Hills, Calif., that left Scott Ruffalo, a Kenosha native, in intensive care with a bullet wound to the head.



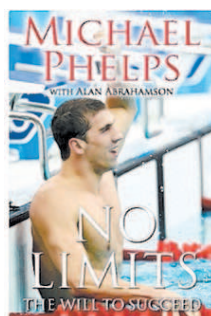
Mark Ruffalo

And now, Jay Leno—still

Making a radical change in prime-time TV, NBC is moving late-night talk show host Jay Leno to the 9 p.m. slot. The move would keep Leno from bolting to a rival network, as he has hinted. For decades, NBC, ABC and CBS have plugged that hour with cop shows and medical dramas that have become increasingly costly to produce. Leno is scheduled to sign off as host of "The Tonight Show" at the end of May to make room for Conan O'Brien.

Book it

Michael Phelps' sort-of biography, "No Limits: The Will to Succeed," arrives this week, Newsday reports. "No Limits" unfolds in eight chapters, one for each of the gold medals the lanky athlete won in 2008. It's less a full-scale tell-all than an intricate look at how obstacles (such as ADHD) and injuries affected his preparation for three Olympic Games.



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Celebrity twin

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You just got O.J.'d

What do you get when you take O.J. Simpson, add a white Bronco and make a rap video? We're not sure, but Simpson is claiming that everyone just got "Juiced."

The comedy video, which is being sold for \$19.95, is a "Punk'd"-style collection of clips featuring O.J. as a pizza delivery boy, a man caught with another man's wife and—oh yes—a rapper. In previewing the clips at getjuiced.com, it's honestly hard to tell if he's joking or if he really thinks this is quality viewing.

One thing not up for debate is O.J.'s ability to rap. He can't. Even rollingstone.com was particularly moved by this passage from the Nevada inmate:

Don't you know there's
no stopping the Juice /
When I'm on the floor
I'm like a lion on the loose /
Better shoot me with
a tranquilizer dart /
Don't be stupid,
I'm not a Simpson named Bart



Little faux tweet

Kanye West claims someone is trying to impersonate him in the Twitterverse.

After Stephen Colbert launched "Operation Humble Kanye" to try to knock the rap star out of the top spot on iTunes, a supposed rebuttal tweet hit the net, reading "Who the

[bleep] is Stephen Colbert?"

But over the weekend, West posted a blog entry: "I don't know anything about this ... This is not me!!!" along with a screen shot of the faux tweet. The Twitter account has since been taken down.

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Mr. Nice Guy

Will Smith may be smooth on-screen, but he says that kind of confidence doesn't come easily—especially when it comes to getting it on for the camera.

"My grandmother was really firm about how men are supposed to treat women," the "Seven Pounds" actor said Friday, according to people.com. "For me, my worst nightmare is for an actress to ... feel like I'm taking this opportunity to get a little quickie feel—you know, some legal cheating going on!" Easy there, tiger!

HOT DATE

Dec. 31

That's when "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve" plans to offer up the potentially awkward performance pairing of Taylor Swift and The Jonas Brothers for its live broadcast from Times Square. Swift and Joe Jonas once dated and reportedly broke up via cell phone.

Amy's encore

"Saturday Night Live" gave viewers two surprises over the weekend—and we can write about one of them.

Amy Poehler opened the show as Hillary Clinton, saying, "You thought I was gone, didn't you?"

Poehler, who hadn't been on the show since having baby Archie Arnett in October, also co-anchored "Weekend Update." She'll be back this Saturday, her rep said Monday.

"Amy was excited to return to 'SNL' for a surprise visit and will also appear on next week's show before officially departing to focus on her new NBC sitcom," Lewis Kay told the New York Daily News.

As for that other surprise, it involved a video short, Andy Samberg, the song "[Bleep] in My Pants" and Justin Timberlake. Watch it at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.

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Pants or the Box

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